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THE FRESHMAN PRESIDENT KIDNAPPED.

The differences between the sophomores and freshmen of the Polytechnic Institute since it became a full-fledged college led to the kidnapping of the president of the freshman class, N. T. Beers, Jr., so as to prevent his attendance at the class dinner on Tuesday evening. As he left his home, at New-York-ave. and Prospect place, to go to the dinner, a dozen sophomores grabbed him, and after ransacking his eyes took him to an elevated station. On the way they permitted him to send a bundle of menus and a note to his classmates, who were awaiting him at the dinner. He was then taken to East New-York and afterward to South Brooklyn on the elevated tracks. Finally he was released near Prospect Park and hastened to the dinner, arriving at the fifth course and performing his duties as toastmaster.

VETERANS ELECT OFFICERS.

The Veteran Volunteer Association of the 102d Regiment held its annual meeting yesterday noon in the City Hall. Colonel Lewis R. Stogman presided. An address was made by General Henry W. Slooem. The election of officers resulted in the choice of Colonel Lewis R. Stogman, president; John H. Elliott and C. H. Rinick, vice-presidents; J. Van Steenburg, secretary; W. R. Hewlett, treasurer. A dinner was eaten by the members of the command yesterday afternoon at Wilson's.

NEW PASTOR FOR A PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Second Presbyterian Church, at Clinton and Remsen sts., has called the Rev. Dr. John Fox, of Allegheny, Penn., to its pulpit, which has been vacant nearly two years. In the spring of 1891 Rev. Dr. Henry J. Van Dyke, who had been pastor of the church for nearly forty years, resigned to accept a professorship in Union Theological Seminary, and died a few weeks later. The church has considered a large number of candidates and one or two provisional calls have been declined by ministers sought by the church. It is understood that Dr. Fox will accept. His salary for 1893 is \$5,000 a year. He was formerly for four years past and was educated at Lafayette College and Princeton Theological Seminary. He preached first in a mission church in Baltimore for five years and has been pastor of his present church in Allegheny for eleven years. The call extended to him is unanimous.

DIED FROM HAVING A TOOTH PULLED.

Otto Erelor, forty-eight years old, died on Tuesday at his home, No. 123 Noble-st., from lockjaw and blood poisoning, superinduced by the extraction of a tooth ten days ago. Mr. Erelor had had trouble with the tooth often having it filled, and was advised by a dentist to have it extracted. He consented to this and his death resulted.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll will deliver his lecture on Abraham Lincoln in the Columbia Theatre on Sunday evening. The Rev. Dr. S. Gifford Nelson, who has accepted a call to the Baptist Church of Mount Holly, N. J., will preach his farewell sermon in Trinity Baptist Church on Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Robert C. Hallock will be installed this evening in the Park Congregational Church, to which he was recently called. Mrs. Lizzie Noe has begun a suit to recover rights in the estate of her husband, William Noe, against him and his mother, Mrs. Ann Louisa Noe. She was married in 1857, and three years ago her husband began to drink to excess. His mother encouraged him in this against the efforts of the wife, and secured entire control of him, so that in 1891 he compelled his wife to sign papers conveying the property of her husband to his mother and releasing her rights of dower. She now seeks to set these papers aside.

NEWS FROM NEW-JERSEY.

NEWARK. The Grand Jury now in session at Newark will investigate the charges in connection with the arrest of Wolf Adelslein, of No. 103 Prince-st., for obtaining money under false representations. Adelslein was arrested upon the complaint of Herman Davidson, of Morris-ave., and Solomon Kestner, of Barclay and Clayton sts. Adelslein is connected with a number of bogus lodges of Free Masons in Chicago, New-York and Brooklyn. In Newark he has succeeded in getting twenty persons to pay him \$10 as initiation fees into the New-York lodge. Davidson was among those who tried to get into the lodge and refused because of the class of men who belonged to the lodge. Adelslein then hit upon a scheme of forming a German lodge in Newark. He collected \$5 from a number of persons, among whom was Davidson. After Davidson had paid his money he saw through the scheme and demanded it back. Adelslein refused to return the money, and Davidson had him arrested. Adelslein has also posed as a rabbi, and imposed on ignorant people by performing marriage ceremonies. He has also organized another swindle, called "The New Colony." The scheme is for young men and girls to pay him \$1 a week, and when they get married he will pay them \$25.

PATERSON.

Paul Reiker, a young man living in Getty-ave., died yesterday after lying unconscious two weeks. Two weeks ago Reiker was found at the foot of the stairway of the Baldwin House in Staigant-st., kept by Mrs. Consvylen. He was intoxicated when found and had a bad wound at the base of the skull. He said he had fallen down the stairway. Upon his removal to his home he immediately became unconscious. Some of his friends think Reiker met death by foul play.

OTHER SUBURBAN TOWNS.

LONG ISLAND. PEARSALLS.—Bedman N. Parrall, nineteen years of age, station agent at Pearsalls, is a prisoner at the Long Island City police station charged with the theft of a package from the railroad station at Pearsalls, which contained \$250 in cash. On Tuesday afternoon Parrall sent a telegram to the railroad office at Long Island City stating that a package containing \$250 had been stolen from his office at Pearsalls. He said that the package had been taken by the package carrier, and that he had been arrested. James Jarvis, was at once detailed on the case and made a thorough investigation. He questioned young Parrall closely and finally he broke down and confessed that he had stolen the package himself. The prisoner was married three months ago to a Miss Trickett, and he had been in debt to have lavished money freely on her and run heavily into debt. This he says is the reason he appropriated the package containing the \$250.

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The Baptist Boys' Brigade met at the Central Baptist Church, Forty-second-st., between Seventh and Eighth aves., yesterday morning under the auspices of the New-York City Mission, and enjoyed speeches and music, followed by a dinner. At 11 a. m. the Rev. Dr. R. S. MacArthur showed his interest in the movement by marching at the head of the boys. There were about 400 boys present at the dinner, which was served in the main part of the church. It is only four weeks since they began to organize, and there are already twelve companies composing the first regiment of the brigade, and a second regiment will follow at an early date. It is hoped in time to uniform the boys, all of whom are required to take the temperance pledge and also a pledge to abstain from the use of tobacco and profane language. They are also required to attend the Sunday-school with which their company is connected, and the boys will frequently attend public service at the churches in a body as soon as they get their uniforms. Charles L. Colby, president of the City Mission, addressed the boys in the words: "Have courage, my boys, to say no." The Rev. Dr. R. S. MacArthur dwelt on the meaning of the word "courage" by including the name of Washington. The Rev. Samuel Almon drew largely on his experience, having entered the United States Navy when a boy of eleven, and having spent five years in the service, during the period of the civil war. WHAT THEY DID IN BROOKLYN. The City Hall in Brooklyn was decorated with flags and bunting yesterday, and flags were flying in many other parts of the city. The public offices and private places of business were generally closed, and school children had a holiday. The weather interfered seriously with the parade of veteran volunteer companies. Instead of a long march from the City Hall to the Eastern District the members of the city organization and the out-of-town volunteer companies were represented marched on the sidewalks. A few bands near the City Hall, and were reviewed by some city officials. The annual hog-raising match in the Twenty-sixth Ward, under the auspices of the Glenmore Rod and Gun Club, took place yesterday afternoon at Jardine's Hotel. High Mr. Langhain and many other veterans and politicians were present. There were lectures and other entertainments in a number of churches last evening.

PLENTY OF VARIETY AT PRINCETON.

Princeton, Feb. 22 (Special).—Washington's Birthday has always been a time-honored holiday at Princeton. All having been a more dignified and important, so the week portions to the 22d the sophomores make the most of their opportunities, and the freshmen suffer accordingly. This morning orange and black '96 banners were floating in all sorts of accessible places, and crowds of sophomores were scurrying about with ropes and ladders trying to tear them down; orange, flags, posts and pavements were gurgled with waste and black or green, according to the class of the article. The morning exercises were held in the gymnasium, where a bellows caused such as only 500 college boys can make. Banners and banners were everywhere. An undisciplined spectator would have supposed that cheering and making a noise were the principal occupations of the morning, but incidentally there were some interesting and the college orchestra tried to make itself heard in the midst of the noise. The orators and their subjects were as follows: H. S. Morris, '96, of California, "The United Millions"; R. E. Ross, '95, of Illinois, "The Puritan of Our Revolution"; G. H. Forsyth, '94, of Illinois, "Washington as a Myth"; B. Tarkington, '94, of Indiana, "Us and George Washington." H. M.

ROTH'S BIBLE RECITATION.

Ruth M. is a dear little girl who lives on R—st. in Roxbury. She can read very nicely, and her mother is anxious that at an early age she should become familiar with the Bible, so that when she is called to leave home to go to live with her mother she would bring a Bible verse every night before she goes. Mamma came home at the end of the five months. Before presenting the muff she said: "I have a good news to tell you in five months, dear." "I said one every night, mamma." "That's mamma's nice girl!" "You must have learned a good many in five months, dear." "Why, I always said the very same one." "The same one all this time! What one was it?" "Jesus wept," said Ruth. It wasn't just what mother expected, but Ruth got the muff.

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